

IN THE ABSTRACT

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-- ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A search service provided by an electronic data search system including a search center and at least one authorization center. The that takes security into consideration is provided efficiently. When a search center 1 receives a search request from an information browsing apparatus and in response 4, then, the search center 1 searches for URLs that are associated with a search condition included in the above-mentioned search request, from in a search database that registers URLs of Web pages, associating those URLs with respective search conditions. Then, the The search center 1 presents the information browsing apparatus 4 with link information to the detected URLs. At that time, when When the search request includes not only the search condition but also includes a condition that authorization by the an authorization center (or centers) 2₁—2₃ is be given, then, URLs that are registered in the search database being associated with the above-mentioned search condition, and at the same time, registered in said the authorization center (or centers) 2₁—2₃ are searched. for, and link Link information of to the detected URLs is presented to the information browsing apparatus 4 and the. Each authorization center 2₁—2₃ registers URLs of Web pages opened to the public by information disclosing persons who have been given authorization passed examination by the authorization center in question. --